THE CALTROP CORE

is a rules-lite RPG skeleton using the humble and sharp d4. Build your own game in minutes!

For a stat-driven game, simply assign a number between 1 and 5 to each stat. When that stat comes into play, roll that many d4s. Take the highest roll.

For a token-based game, players can gain and expend tokens, rolling as many d4s as tokens they expend. Take the highest roll.

TIP: Only roll dice when the action can be phrased as an "I want to…" statement.

D4 RESULT

1   ABSOLUTE FAILURE. You don't get what you want and things get a lot worse.

2   PARTIAL FAILURE. You don't get what you want.

3   PARTIAL SUCCESS. You get what you want, but things get complicated.

4   ABSOLUTE SUCCESS. You get what you want — and more.

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